

## MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 16, 2006, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), commonly known as 'Lou Gehrig's Disease,' is a progressive and ultimately fatal degenerative neuromuscular disorder that occurs when motor nerve cells cease functioning and die. Most tragically, cognition and mental functioning is typically unaffected, leaving victims fully aware of their increasing impairment and deteriorating physical condition.

"ALS afflicts more than 5,000 new individuals annually in the United States, depleting their financial resources and imposing intolerable financial and emotional costs on their relatives and caregivers.

"The ALS Association – Greater Los Angeles Chapter has designated May 2006 as 'ALS Awareness Month' to help focus attention on the disease and encourage people to become better educated on the issues confronting those with ALS and support vigorous advocacy on their behalf in the halls of the United States Congress."

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisors Molina and Antonovich being absent), the Board proclaimed May 2006 as "ALS Awareness Month" throughout Los Angeles County, and encouraged all residents to become educated about ALS, commonly known as "Lou Gehrig's Disease", and to lend their aid in combating the disease.

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